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1. About 1,600 men are now employed on the construction of a dam, which is being made at the confluence of the of the Rappbode and Bode Rivers, west of Thale. The retaining dam, when completed, will be 105 m. high; at present it is 45 m. The width at the base is 80 m.
2. The lake formed by the dam will be 8.2 km. long. Seven separate flood basins (Hochwasserschutzbecken) are connected one with the other by conduits, each 1 km. long. The lake will contain about 150,000,000,000 liters of water.
3. A dam, 500 m. long, is being constructed which will connect the village of Ruebeland with Blankenberg. Work on water storage basins is going on near the Grosse Bode, the Kalte Bode, the Warme Bode and the Hassel Rivers.
4. A dam, about 1 km. long is being constructed north of Wendefurth. Water from this system will supply a power station, which is to be built on the edge of Thale at the beginning of 1956. The machines will come from the VEB Bergmann-Borsig, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh. This power station will supply 50 million kw hours a year.

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